(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the survey, 110 Nos. Window shutters, 175 Nos. ventilators and 64 Doors shutters have worn out and need replacement. Replacement of worn out items is being done in a phased manner, depending upon the availability of funds.

Cash Strapped DJB Banking on World Bank

1702. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government have been drawn to the news item in the Hindustan Times dated, the 31st August, 1998 under the caption "Cash strapped DJB banking on WB";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter;

(c) the details of fresh steps taken proposed to resolve the cash crunch problem of Delhi Jal Board (DJB);

(d) the details of short term and long term problem of viability operations of DJB; and

(e) whether World Bank aid has been sought for DJB's project and present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Delhi Jal Boad has reported that they are taking regular steps to recover dues from consumers including Govt. Departments. Water tariff has been increased from June/July, 98 to partly meet the increasing cost of production of water and, thus, resulting in substantial increase in revenue collections. In addition, steps are regularly being taken to make the revenue collection machinery more effective.

Various steps are taken by the Board for increasing resource generation to meet the short term and long term requirements.

(e) Yes, Sir. Delhi Jal Board has sought World Bank Assistances to the tune of over Rs. 1600 crore for the proposed Delhi Water Supply and Sanitation project to provide fund for an overall institutional financial and technical refurbishment of the Board and for augmenting the water supply and sanitation system in Delhi. The World Bank is yet to take a decision on funding of the project.

Construction of Toilets for Convenience in Gujarat

1703. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is scheme for constructing the toilet for convenience of the people in Gujarat is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, the number of cities covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) There is no Centrally sponsored scheme under which funds are provided for constructing the toilet for public convenience. Under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Low Cost Sanitation and Liberation of Scavengers (LCS), subsidy and loans are provided through the Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) to the State Governments for construction of pour flush toilets where none exit and for conversion of dry latrines into pour flush toilets. The State Government of Gujarat has not proposed any scheme under the LCS, since Gujarat has been declared a scavenger free State. As such, no scheme under the LCS has

been sanctioned in Gujarat. However, the HUDCO has sanctioned 11 basic sanitation schemes for 9 towns in Gujarat at a total project cost of Rs. 1030.95 lakhs involving financial assistance from the HUDCO of Rs. 877.01 lakhs.

Implementation of projects undertaken by NCRPB

1704. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of implementation of projects undertaken by National Capital Region Planning Board (NCR); and

(b) the gestation period of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) The NCR Planning Board arrange and oversee, the financing of selected development projects in the NCR through Central and State Plan Funds and other sources of revenue. So far 123 projects have been financed in NCR and the present status of implementation of projects undertaken by NCRPB Statewise is as follows:

State	Completed projects	Ongoing projects
Haryana	14	17
Rajasthan	29	16
Uttar Pradesh	13	30
Counter Magnet Area	—	4
TOTAL	56	67

(b) These projects are implemented by participating states of NCR and their agencies in the respective States. Gestation period of the projects depend on the scope and type of the project.

Proposal to get Black Money into Housing Sector

1705. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to get black money into housing sector;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal formulated under consideration and justification therefor;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to seek clearance from the Supreme Court in this regard;

(d) whether Government are actively considering scrapping the Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULCA); and

(e) the details of other measures/package of incentives proposed to kickstart construction activities in the country and action plan for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) No such proposal or scheme is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Repeal Bill, 1998 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 11.6.98. The Bill has, now, been referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Urban & Rural Development for examination.

(e) The National Housing & Habitat Policy since approved by the Government and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1998, envisages Government's role as enabler rather than builder. Government would create an enabling environment by advising removal of legal, regulatory and financial constraints facing the housing sector. This would help all sections of the Society to gain access to land, finance and technology to obtain shelter for themselves. Government will however, continue to intervene directly for the